annexure [*See Appendix 182, Annexure No. 26*] filling up of vacancies/selection/ panel formation is an on-going continuous process and there has been no avoidable delay in framing panels.

The information regarding Department-wise. Railway-wise and grade-wise sanctioned strength and vacancies as on 31st March, 1997 in all Zones/Units/RDSO is voluminous in nature and is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Distributorship of Oil Companies

*154. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that U.P. Oil Selection Board (West) is arranging interviews/selection formalities of the eligible candidates for allotments of the "Distributorship" of various oil companies in due course of time;

(b) if so, the names of those places where such "Distributorship" are to be allotted;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some Members of Parliament have given some suggestions to the Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum on the subject; and

(d) if so, whether the Oil Selection Board will keep in mind all such suggestions during the course of interviews/selection; and upto which specific date, all selection formalities will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) In addition to the locations pending from earlier Marketing Plans, 83 Retail Outlet dealerships and 351 LPG distributorships have been included in the Marketing Plans 1996—98 for U.P.

(c) and (d) suggestion from Members of Parliament are received from time to time. These suggestions are taken into consideration while taking policy decisions. Efforts are made in each case for expeditious disposal.

Computerised railway booking offices in Gujarat

*155. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations and city booking offices in Gujarat having provision of return journey facilities through computer terminal with details thereof, station-wise and city booking office-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to increase their number in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) At all the 14 stations in Gujarat which have computerised reservation facilities i.e. Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Surat, Rajkot, Bhavnagar, Anand, New Bhuj, Jamnagar, Gandhidham, Bharuch, Nadiad, Veraval, Navsari, Valsad and 6 satellite locations i.e. Gandhinagar, Maninagar, Gandhigram, Sabarmati (Ahmedabad), Pratapnagar, Padmavati City Booking Office (Vadodara); bookings for onward and return journey reservations can be made for all trains originating from the stations linked to the reservation System at Mumbai which covers both the Zones of Central and Western Railways.

(b) and (c) Due to certain limitations in the telecommunication links, it has been possible to provide connectivity with the Chennai, Calcutta, Delhi and Secunderabad Systems at only a very limited number of counters at Surat, Vadodara, Ahmedabad and Rajkot stations. To overcome this limitation a project has been undertaken for networking of all the 5 Systems, the software for which has been developed and the first phase successfully established between the Delhi and Secunderabad Systems. It would be